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Radio Stations Near Sofia

1. The Ministry of Communications radio station is located on an elevated spot in the Vitoria Garazi quarter in the western part of Sofia to the east of Vladaya stream. The antenna rises fifteen meters above the station. There are no important buildings nearby.
2. The transmitting station of Radio Sofia consists of four or five 2-story buildings with 50-meter antennas. It is located in an elevated place three kilometers west of Vakarel (N4233 E2343), Ikhtiman district, on the Sofia-Plovdiv highway and is guarded by three Militiamen who stand 8-hour watches

Miscellaneous Economic Information

3. Hospitals and medicines are completely controlled by the State; there are few hospitals and it is very difficult to be admitted for treatment. There are no doctors' cooperatives, but all doctors are required to work half-days in the hospitals. They may have private practices in their free time. Hospitalization is free but all medicines must be purchased from the State pharmacies on prescription.

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4. In 1948, a farm cooperative was established in Verinska (N4229 E2345), Ikhtiman district. Some of the land was seized by the government and part of it, particularly barren land which was of little value to the owners, was given voluntarily. As of July 1952, the cooperative owned 60 percent of the farm land in the village although only 40 of the 250 families were members. The cooperative owned four tractors.

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